

Project

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Programme

Renovation and improvement of energetic performance of a 150-room technical boarding school

About

The primary goal of the architectural project was a functional and aesthetic refurbishment of the Namur Regional Hotel School, designed by Mairy in 1971. It is built on the outstanding site of Namur's Citadel.

The project also offers new functions and new ways of making use of the building. The building was given a fresh start through strategic renovations and use of colour: it was possible to recapture the brutal beauty of this concrete structure by stripping away false ceilings, embellishments and wall divisions. Here and there, we created buffer zones that serve as sitting areas, which improve both the social atmosphere and the natural lighting. These additions act as breathing spots within these well-ordered spaces. Finally, colour has been treated as a material in its own right.

Raw concrete and wood were used in the rooms, and bright monochrome colours in the common areas.

In terms of building performance, the renovation favours sustainable and environmentally-friendly solutions, such as improving the building's insulation, CMV, solar thermal energy, cogeneration and gas heating.

OTHER PROJECTS :

Generis - Residential towers
- 2010-2011
- Chengdu

Reine Astrid - Public square
- 2009
- Visé

Waterloo - Housing and commercial space
- 2011-...
- Uccle

Jardin de Poche - Installation
- 2004 2004
- Bruxelles

Typology

Education

Status

Unbuilt

Conception

2009-...

Client

Province de Namur

Total budget

2.800.000 ?

Area

2600 m²

Special techniques

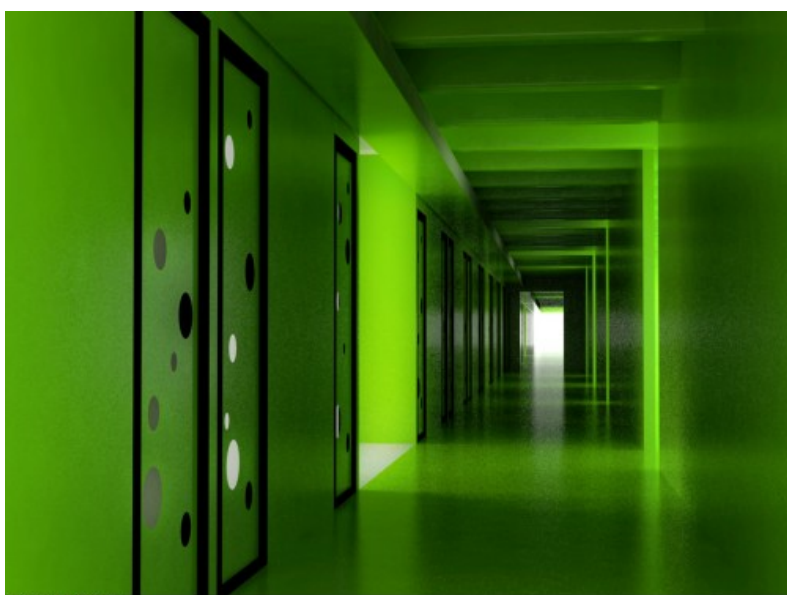
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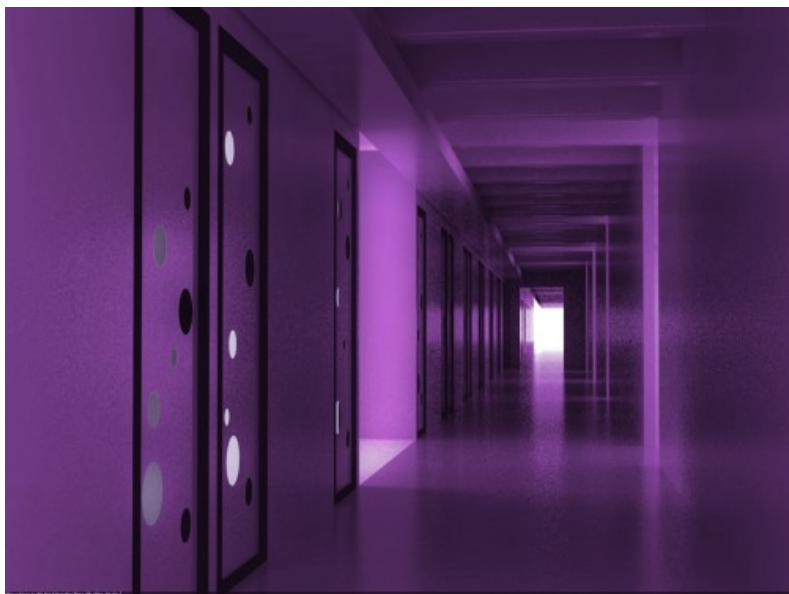
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